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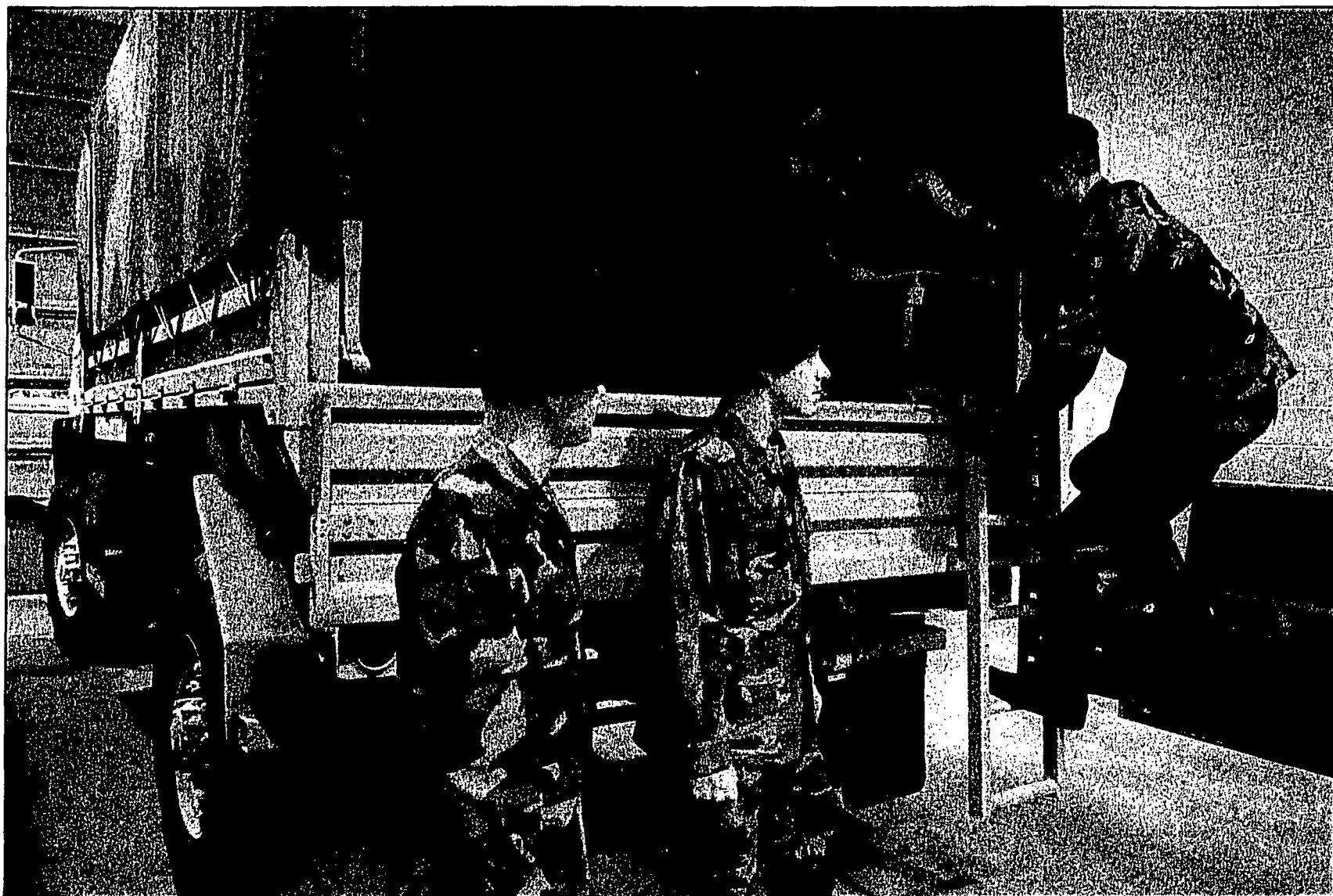


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This weekend, National Guard personnel from local units will prepare for possible deployment. Members will have to pass fitness tests throughout the weekend to be eligible for deployment.

BAND OF BROTHERS

Delta Chi's ready to serve together in Iraq

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

Going into the weekend, students may be thinking about what party to attend or what movie to go see.

But for a trio of Delta Chi fraternity brothers, the weekend will be spent going

through the Soldier Readiness Program in preparation for possible deployment to Iraq or the Middle East.

And even though the situation in Iraq may be considered hostile at best, Eric Nolan, J.J. Welch and Brent Vogt are looking at it from a positive perspective.

"It helps out a lot having fraternity brothers going with you," said Nolan, a history graduate student. "And my little brother is going, so that helps a lot. It's a lot easier going with people you know rather than people you don't know."

The trio will join nearly 300 other Reserves who will be go-

ing through tests to get medically cleared Friday through Sunday.

"Most already know they're going to pass, but the doctor may disqualify them for a flat foot or something like that," Capt. Darren King said.

If Nolan, Welch and Vogt all pass and get deployed, they will become the fifth, sixth and seventh members of Delta Chi to be deployed since Sept. 11, 2001.

"After 9/11, I thought it was a possibility (for deployment)," said Vogt, a junior communications major. "I didn't expect it now though."

All three will be sent to Fort

Sill, Okla., to train as military police officers if they pass the tests this weekend.

"That's what the Army is missing right now," Nolan said. "Just police officers to help control things (in Iraq)."

As students begin to deploy, King recognizes it could be tough making the adjustments.

"For the most part, most soldiers are just worried about leaving their families," King said. "For (students), it's an interruption of their classes, so the timing isn't very good."

However, for Welch, a sophomore chemistry major, cooperation from teachers has not been a problem.

"They give you options, and you pick," Welch said. "They'll ask, 'Do you want me to take the grade you have right now?'"

"They let you do that?" Nolan asked astonishingly, bringing laughter from his two fraternity brothers.

Even though the future is blurred as to when and where the trio might be going, Nolan continues to look for the silver lining.

"For me, I try to take the most positive attitude," Nolan said. "I look at the positives. That's the only thing you can do. It won't do you any good being negative."

Nodaway County has low mark for unemployment

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Missouri's unemployment rate continues to fall as Nodaway County holds the state's lowest unemployment rate.

"One of the big factors is the presence of Northwest Missouri State University," said Jim Grebing, communications director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development. "It provides the county with some steady employment."

Paul Reichart, a spokesman with the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center with the Missouri Department of Economic Development said counties with colleges have a lower unemployment rate because of all the services that are needed. He also said Nodaway County's smaller population attributes to that rate.

According to the Department of Economic Development's September 2003 statistics, Nodaway County currently has a 1.5 percent unemployment rate. The county has a labor force of 12,889 people, 12,693 of whom are employed, leaving 196 who are without jobs but actively pursuing employment.

Grebing said Nodaway County is a regional center of employment for some northwest Missouri counties, which helps surrounding counties such as Archison County to keep their unemployment rates low.

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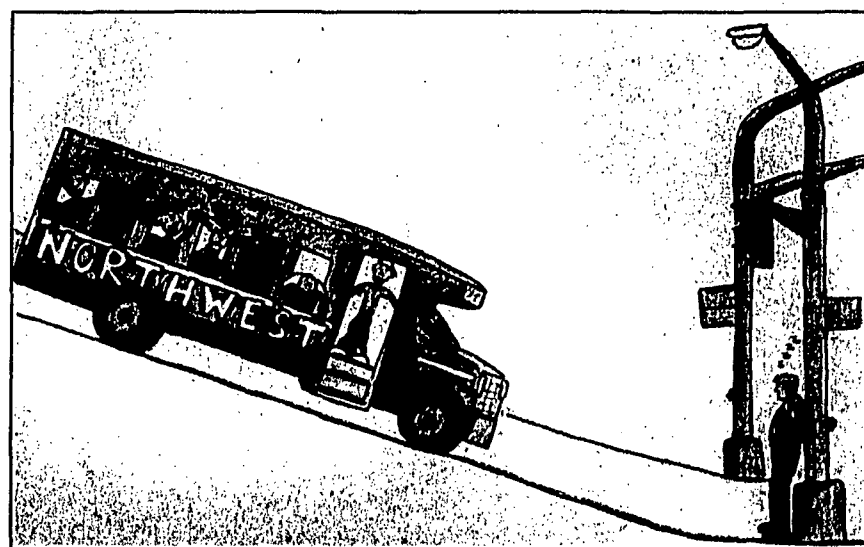


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With the University looking to start a program to help people who have consumed alcohol get home from the bars, local Public Safety officials could find a lot more time on their hands.

University to begin Safe Ride Home program

By AARON BAILEY
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Beginning next semester, University officials hope to offer a pilot of the Safe Ride Program which will provide transportation for intoxicated students to their homes either on or off campus.

The program is still in the planning phase and will be part of the university's Alcohol Strategic Plan.

"Ideally, we'd like to offer this in late January or early February, but a lot has to happen between now and then," said Kent Porterfield, vice president of Student Affairs. "But the longer you wait, the more risk people are going to drive home drunk. We want people to be safe."

The initiative for the Safe Ride Program came out of discussions with the

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Speaker to tell about dangers of drunk driving

By AARON BAILEY
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

In the matter of seconds, Mark Sterner's life changed forever.

While on spring break in Florida, Sterner got behind the wheel of a car filled with his fraternity brothers because he was the "soberest" one. His decision resulted in an accident in which three of his fraternity brothers were killed, and now Sterner will forever ask himself how things might have been had he not driven under the influence.

"Would my friends be married now?" Sterner asks. "Would they have kids? I don't know. I'll forever ask 'What if?' the rest of my life."

Sterner served 23 months in a Florida prison as well as suffering serious injuries. Upon his release, he began talking to college students across the nation

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Tower to receive new look in spring

Renovations begin at end of spring, will cost \$300,000

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

One of Northwest's most revered and recognizable structures is scheduled for summer enhancement.

In an estimated \$300,000 project slated to begin at the closing of the spring trimester, Northwest's centrally located Bell Tower will undergo extensive renovations. Changes to the 31-year-old steel structure include the improvement of surrounding sidewalks, the replacement of stairs leading to the center platform with handicapped-accessible ramps, new lighting and public address systems, and general repairs to the monument's deteriorating exterior.

The surrounding brick walls will also be removed and replaced with benches, in order to make the area friendlier for social and organized gatherings at the structure.

Provost Taylor Barnes said discussions of possible renovations have been in the works for more than a year, and bidding for contractors will soon take place. Barnes said the main purpose of the project is visual enhancement and accessibility, not safety issues, comparing the upcoming facelift to last year's improvements to the area surrounding the Bell of '48. The goal in both, he said, to improve appearance.

"Structurally, it's very sound, yet the concrete and cement holding the brick wall is deteriorating," Barnes said. "We just want to keep it in top repair and reflective of our overall campus."

Ray Courter, vice president of finance, is spearheading the project with David Duvall, associate director of Environmental Services, who will manage day-to-day operations of the construction. A St. Joseph architectural firm and a Kansas City structural engineering firm have begun mapping plans for contractors. Courter said the project, funded through the University's regular maintenance and repairs budget, will occupy a period of about two months this summer. During that time, he said, those on campus will notice a striking change.

"We plan to take the exterior surface off the tower itself during renovations, so you will see the skeletal steel underneath for a period of time," Courter said. "We'll then bring it back to its previous condition, and that should lengthen its life for another 40-50 years."

Among the most noticeable of changes will be a new concrete pad in the center of the Bell Tower, where the historic seal of the University will be removed and replaced with a more modern design. While the seal, a source of longtime tradition, will be removed, Courter said it would be preserved in a future

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South Complex residents file petition over parking

By GINNY FRANCIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Parking frustrations at the beginning of the year inevitably boil up only to simmer down toward the end of the semester. However, 180 students are still hot and are doing something about it.

Inconvenience and safety concerns are motivating the students of South Complex to petition the latest addition to commuter parking.

Lot No. 59, located behind the upper-class residence hall, was classified as a commuter parking area after its construction was complete last month.

Prior to the construction's completion, many of the residents assumed the 180-car lot would be named for residents only.

Anna Clifton drafted the petition after hearing overwhelming amounts of complaints from her neighbors in South Complex.

"We feel neglected, and, as a student body, feeling neglected isn't optimal," Clifton said. "One of the conveniences of paying to live somewhere is to be able to park close to your home. Where are the perks for living on campus when we can't even find a place to park our car close?"

Currently, the residents feel that the two parking lots in close

proximity to them don't provide enough space for their 230 occupants. Together, the two lots accommodate almost 50 spaces.

Parking areas by the baseball fields are also classified as residential, but the petition claims that the lot is too far away from their complex and is poorly lit.

Clarence Green, director of Campus Safety, said that the department bases its classification of parking lots on trends, and those trends can change throughout the year.

"Our basic principle is to always have a 1-to-1 ratio, one space available for every car that the students bring. Now, it may not always be close to their building, but we honestly try to do the best we can with what we have available."

Green said another determinant of classification is due to the construction that's currently taking place for the new residence halls.

Once construction begins on the Fine Arts building in late spring, commuters won't be able to park behind that facility. Green said this was also one of the reasons for classifying lot 59 as commuter.

However, the petition claims that lot 59 is not filling up to its maximum capacity and students are frustrated with having to walk through an empty lot

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Web Exclusive:

For postgame coverage of the football game for Senior Day against the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats, check Missouriianonline.com.

This week's Buzz reviews:

Check out reviews of "Matrix Revolutions," "Elf," and a review of the "Finding Nemo" DVD this week on the Buzz at Missouriianonline.com

Last week's poll:

Now that the Bearcats are practically out of playoff contention, are you going to go to the games?

43.3% Heck yeah. I bleed green.
25.7% I haven't gone all season.
21.4% The only game I am going to is the Arrowhead game.
9.6% I am done with them.

Online poll:

When it becomes available, will you choose the Safe Ride Home program instead of driving drunk?

a. Yes, it is a safe way home.
b. I will walk instead.
c. Who needs a van? I will drive home myself.
d. I prefer finding a sober driver to take me home.

Legislative interns ready for 2004

By JANELLE DAVID
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Anxiously awaiting the coming election year, four ambitious Northwest interns are preparing to see the government firsthand.

In January, public relations major Tracey Switzer, political science major Jansen Thomas, public relations major Allie Zaroor and political science major Patrick Dunlap will depart for Jefferson City. Each student has been assigned to work with a different elected official until May.

The interns said they are anxious to begin taking part in this opportunity.

"You're always nervous about things you take very seriously, but I'm excited about getting my foot in the door," Zaroor said. "To see the processes and network in Jefferson City is an immense opportunity."

The interns will perform various tasks such as working on legislation, writing press releases, attending hearings and work sessions (in which issues are debated and discussed), tracking press coverage, assisting constituents with problems and leading tours of the capital.

A diverse panel comprised of faculty members and students chose the interns.

"Each individual selected for the Jefferson City internship contributes to their academic studies, Northwest and the community," said Ryann Summerford, legislative coordinator for Tom Vansaghi, vice president of University Relations.

The interns are grateful to be returning to the capital.

"I couldn't go down and have such a great time again without the terrific support of Tom Vansaghi and Ryann Summerford," Thomas said. "I can tell we have a great group going due to their continual efforts."

The panel hopes the interns take full advantage of the occasion.

"This is a great way for Northwest to showcase the quality of students that they produce," Summerford said. "It's also an opportunity for students to get a taste of real-world job experience as well as possibly find employment for the future."



PHOTO BY NIKI CORDER/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Al Sergel, assistant professor of music and director of bands, explains directions for a group project he requires for his class. Sergel's career at Northwest spans two decades.

Al Sergel to be honored Saturday at football game

By MIKAELA KOILE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

When you mention the name Al Sergel to any one who knows him, excitement and smiles seem to follow.

The Northwest Marching Band will pay tribute to Al Sergel for his 23-year career with the Northwest music department.

During halftime Sergel will be the guest conductor instructing both the current marching band and the alumni band.

Joseph Koeberl, Northwest alumni band president, has known Sergel for about 10 years. During that time, the two have become close friends.

"I can't say enough good things about him," Koeberl said. "He has been like a father figure to many of the students. I think that he pushes people to be better in what they do. He will be missed very much."

Sergel has been a member of the

Northwest family since 1981. He is an assistant professor in the music department as well as a freshman seminar adviser.

Freshman Crystal Anderson, a vocal music education major, recalls the first time she met Sergel.

"I was here for a tour of the campus as a senior in high school," she said. "I performed a vocal song along with my band. Following my performance, I received a letter from him congratulating me, and I thought that was so cool that he showed such a personal individual interest in students. That is really inspiring."

Sergel said that he will spend his retirement composing, writing, enjoying his family and fishing.

"I feel very fortunate to have made a career out of something I am very passionate about," said Sergel. "I think I will miss the wonderful students and faculty that I have become endeared to."

A social recognizing Al Sergel will be held after the Northwest game.

Award-winning artist opens 3-D art exhibit

By BURNEA COTHURNE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Award-winning artist Steven Mayse, award winning art exhibitor displayed his 3-D art an lectured on his personal experience as an artist Monday in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts building.

"What I really wanted to do with this exhibit and lecture was to bring images that show a transition of career and to share with students that it's OK to take that leap in their life," he said.

Mayse displayed art that covered his transition through his 25-year career. His display consisted of artwork ranging from his magazine design work to the

cup holster he created for his daughter out of bean cans to serve as a better waitress in New York.

When senior Michelle Medaris attended his lecture, she stated that the slide presentation that he presented did not do his work any real justice.

"I think of his work as a collage of meaningful things," Medaris said. "He gives you the premise, but you can interpret it how you want. I like that he's kind of messy."

Mayse expressed through his art that he was trying to bring forth a deeper meaning.

"I think that what it boils down to is how the artist can impact society, or how



PHOTO BY KELSEY FREUND/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Sam Feldman, along with others, peruse the Steve Mayse exhibit Monday night. "It's neat how he can take what most would consider junk and form it into art," Feldman said.

the artist can communicate better the complexities of society and our lives," he said. "I think that it is our job as artists to inform the community on what's up."

Steve Mayse's 3-D art exhibit will be displayed in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building until Dec. 5th.

Some found Mayse's art exhibit effective and inspiring.

"Compared to most artists, he parallels me the most," Medaris said. "I think that it's important for people to look at it, give it a try. At the very least, you'll add a little culture to your life."

University Events

Monday through Wednesday:
Organizational Phonathon

Thurs. 6 ■ Peer Education meetings/training
■ Foreign film Series: "Das Kabinett," 7 p.m., Student Union, Dining Room 3
■ GED, 8 a.m.

Fri. 7 ■ Amnesty International Annual Benefit Concert, 7:30 p.m., The Pub, \$3 cover
■ Teacher Work Sample Day, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Union Ballroom
■ GED, 8 a.m.

Sat. 8 ■ Al Sergel Day/Band Alumni Day
■ Computing Services Maintenance
■ GRE, 8 a.m.

Sun. 9 ■ No events

Mon. 10 ■ IM Battle of the Beef entries due, noon

Tues. 11 ■ Veterans Day M Table Tennis singles entries due, noon

Wed. 12 ■ Hip Hop Night at Northwest, 7:30 p.m., Student Union Ballroom

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Matt Wertz to perform special concert

After the success of his second album *23 Places*, musician Matt Wertz is set to play an acoustic concert at Charles Johnson Theater at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets will be available at 7 p.m. the day of the show at the theater's ticket office for \$6 each.

The performance is sponsored by AdInk.

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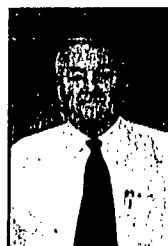
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DEFENSE ATTORNEY



Q What is your outlook on the fines of the Maryville city court?

A Compare the fines in this city court to any other city court; the fines are high here. It appears to me that they have a standard recommendation for the court. One week of tickets had a total of \$8,397.50 for that one week. I'd buy stock in that court if I could.

Q Do you believe that Maryville Public Safety does a good job of maintaining civil rights?

A All I can base it on is the clients that I see, and in many instances, the officer's performance was professional and was in compliance with my understanding of the rights of every citizen, but, in some instances, I believe that they have violated people's rights under the Fourth Amendment, of the Miranda rights vs. Arizona and have vigorously enforced a law where there was no real need and no real danger to society.

Q What is your solution to student arrests?

A If you're under 21, don't have any alcohol. If you're 21 or are over 21 and you've had something to drink, don't drive. If it's after 11 o'clock at night on a weekend, don't drive without somebody else in the car with you, and tell them if you're stopped to watch very carefully what happened and remember what is said.

-Compiled by Janea Philip
Missourian Reporter

Pandas ready for play

By JESSICA SWARTZ
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Steve Kibler, Maryville High School speech teacher, chose to veer from the norm with his selection of this year's play.

"We usually stick to the normal high-school oriented play," he said. This year, he had made the decision to produce a play written by American dramatic playwright David Mamet.

The play, "The Revenge of the Space Pandas," was the first of Mamet's plays for children.

"Mamet's production of the play is very unusual," Kibler said. "The first time I saw it, I thought it was just hilarious."

The play is based on the story of several boys that build themselves a two-speed clock. The clock magically transports them to another planet ruled by an egomaniacal woman. The appearance of militant panda bears serves to add to the humor.

"This play is really funny," said junior Jessica Goerke, who is playing the part of the "phony, conniving newperson." "It's different from what the school's done before because it's a children's play. The entire family can enjoy it. It's not just the kindergartners who'll think it's funny. Adults will also see it and say,

'Oh, that's funny.'"

Mamet may scarcely recognize his own play if he were to see it performed by the young actors and actresses.

The play has changed slightly, Kibler admitted.

"I'm a big fan of letting students come up with their own approach," he said. "They've taken their part and added a little bit of themselves to it."

For instance, an invisible off-screen character has been added, and roles changed slightly to accommodate a different time period and gender.

"I had to get rid of the obviously male lines and put a feminist spin on the role," Goerke said.

All students are expected to come up with their own costumes, from white shirts and black shorts for the pandas to a formal dress for the queen. The actors are also involved in the making of sets and props.

The rehearsals have been going on for four weeks and will continue up until the opening night of the play.

"It's been hard to work around everyone's schedules," Goerke said. "One of our pandas has cheerleading practice...Every few days someone comes down with a bug that keeps them out for a few days."

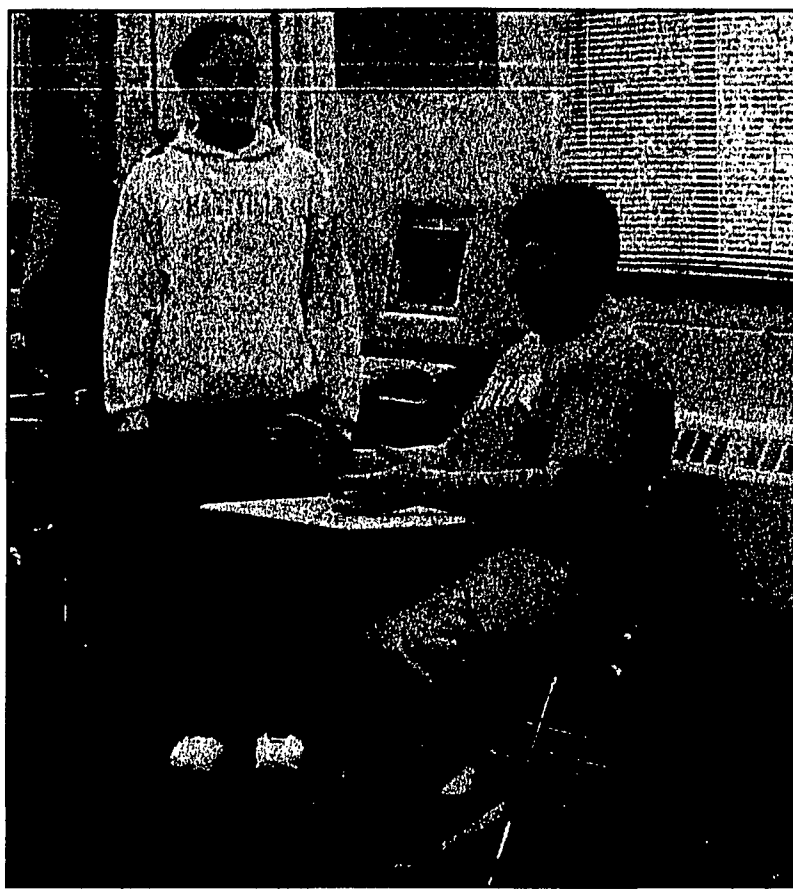


PHOTO BY NIKI CARMER/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Elizabeth Fulton and Sean Householder practice a scene from Maryville High School's Fall Production. "We have a pretty good handful of people doing their first show, and they're really funny," said Steve Kibler, teacher and director.

The Fall Performance occurs annually for the Maryville High School.

The two performances of "The Revenge of the Space Pandas" will occur at 7 p.m. Nov. 14 and at 2 p.m.

Nov. 16. An additional performance will take place on Nov. 17 at Eugene Field Elementary.

The tickets cost \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. The play will occur in the MHS gymnasium.

Cha-Cha chances to take dance lessons from professional dancer

By STEPHANIE STANGL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Ever since Rheba Vetter was a little girl, she knew that dancing would be an integral part of her life.

"I began taking dance lessons at age four," Vetter said. "By the time I was entering high school, I considered that dance might be a profession I wanted to pursue."

Vetter chose to seek a doctorate degree in dance at the University of Utah. This turned out to be one of the best choices she could have ever made.

"They felt that you should learn how to teach, choreograph and perform dance, opposed to other schools that just put an emphasis on solely learning how to choreograph and perform dance," Vetter said. "One of my professors told us that we will make your money teaching, not performing."

That is exactly what she chose to do.

Recently, a secretary at HPERD sought Vetter to be the ballroom dance instructor at the Maryville Community Center to teach a variety of social

dances including the cha-cha, the fox trot, the waltz, the swing and variations of each.

"Everyone is born with rhythm, but they lose that rhythm because they don't listen to it," Vetter said. "People's ability to dance is like a rusty lock that just needs oil."

The community has the perfect chance to do just that by attending the sessions, which began Oct. 23, offered at the community center. The classes are every Thursday night and will last for two more weeks. Sessions are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple.

Vetter noted several reasons for why she is ardent about dancing.

"I love to improvise and the creative process behind dancing," Vetter said. "I just really like to move."

The most rewarding aspect of her career lies within the student lives she touches, she said.

"I get to help people become comfortable with dance, but, most importantly, comfortable with themselves," Vetter said. "Dancing can raise self-awareness and self-confidence."

There was a turning point in her

career as a dancer. Vetter was on stage performing a duet with another woman when she went to make the landing after a leap. She came down wrong and snapped her Achilles' tendon.

Her career was then squelched in terms of performing.

"That took it out of me," Vetter said. "You never can leap quite as high; your balance is not as good after an accident like that."

Despite this, Vetter continues to encourage others to keep dancing and take advantage of dance lessons when they are made available.

Community events

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| Thurs. 6 | ■ Ladle's Aerobics , First Baptist Church, 7 to 8 p.m. |
| Fri. 7 | ■ World Community Day |
| Sat. 8 | ■ Budget Retreat , First Christian Church, 9 a.m. to noon |
| Sun. 9 | ■ Fellowship Lunch , First Baptist Church, noon |
| Mon. 10 | ■ Boy Scouts , First Christian Church, 7 to 9 p.m. |
| Tues. 11 | ■ Veteran's Day |
| Wed. 12 | ■ Early Dismissal
■ PAT Meeting , Maryville High School
■ Chamber Social , A&G Restaurant, 5 p.m. |

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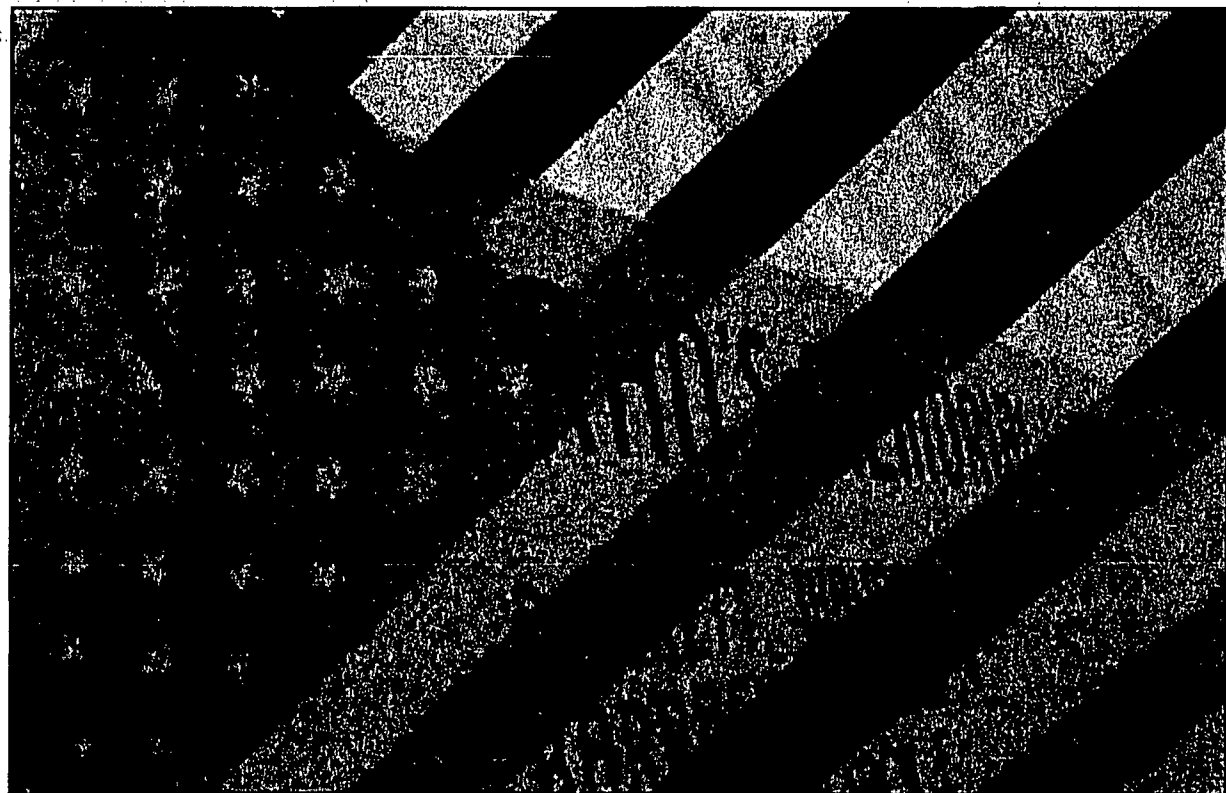


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Walls outside Nodaway County Courthouse are lined with names of Nodaway County veterans who lost their lives in American battles. Veterans will be remembered Tuesday with various ceremonies at the courthouse honoring their accomplishments.

Community remembers Veterans

By LIZZI SEXTON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As Veterans Day approaches, patriots divided by the growing questions of the justifications for war are preparing to unite.

On this historically significant day, Maryville will show unity and homage with a Veteran's Memorial ceremony.

In 1918, the 11th hour during the 11th day in the 11th month marked the end of World War I. Commemorated by Americans as Armistice Day in 1954, this anniversary became a national holiday to honor all U.S. veterans.

At 11 a.m., Veterans Day will be observed in Maryville with the aid of the American Legion Post 100. A coalition of community support will gather on the West Side of the Courthouse Square.

Master of Ceremonies Leon Miller will inaugurate the event as veterans and active members of service invoke ceremonial traditions. While the Maryville High School band provides music, the event will broadcast on live radio.

"We will give salute to those of

the past and give support to those of the present," said Miller, a veteran who has received Purple Heart and Bronze Star honors.

In the aftermath of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Capt. Chad Enders, battery commander of the 1st Battalion in Maryville, is among the recipients of community support.

Enders and his recently activated unit are currently on call to join more than 300,000 coalition troops deployed in the Gulf Region. Enders is highlighted to speak during the memorial.

While Veterans Day signifies the historical sacrifices of American troops, Richard R. Flanagan, commander of Post 100, notes that this year is also a time to reflect upon the factors of war.

Flanagan describes Iraq as a setting in which, "you are not sure who is an enemy and who is a

friend."

Flanagan, who is a veteran of the Korean War also reflected on the fact that "there is nothing glamorous about war."

During the Korean War, Nodaway County lost 15 men. All 197 of the communities fallen heroes will be remembered during a gun salute and the playing of taps. Ceremonial activities of observance

also include a memorial wreath placement.

Other events that will take place include a firing squad salute provided by Cmdr. Tom Strueby, Members of American Legion Post

100, Post 464 and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 442.

Taps will also be played at the end of the day by Maryville High School band members Cathy George and Kylee Smith.

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Our View

A Sobering Effort

As binge drinking remains prevalent among Northwest students, actions taken by various campus organizations should be noticed

While some may argue otherwise, there's really no question as to what the most prevalent form of recreation among Northwest students really is.

Despite numerous posters and surveys that portray binge drinking as an activity practiced by less than a quarter of Northwest students, the sad reality of prevalent alcohol abuse can be plainly seen by anyone on nearly any given night.

Be it through the numerous student arrests for Driving While Intoxicated and Minor in Possession violations, overflowing drinking establishments or even by the broken beer bottles and empty cans lining the streets throughout Maryville's north end, alcohol abuse is little more than a weekend ritual to a large chunk of students.

However, despite the visible problem, student and administrative leaders at Northwest have taken positive and commendable steps toward curbing binge drinking.

And perhaps this time, they just may be effective.

While far from the most visible of roundtables on campus, Northwest's Substance Abuse Task Force, a committee consisting of Northwest administrators, faculty, students, director of Maryville Public Safety and even bar owners, has worked together to not only curb the problem, but also to provide positive alternatives.

In addition, among the most visible and effective alternatives is the student-sponsored and run "Late Thursday Night at the Union," a series of Thursday evening games and activities provided for students as an alternative to drinking. Late Thursday Nights, among other activities, provide a solid answer to the frequently overused excuse of "What else is there to do in Maryville?"

And possibly bearing the most impact is this evening's scheduled presentation, "DUI: A Powerful Lesson" by Mark Sterner. Sterner served a 23-month prison sentence for felony manslaughter when three of his friends were killed in a car accident, during which he was the impaired driver. The presentation entails a video of Sterner's last night with his three friends followed by sobering photos of the demolished vehicle after the crash. Along with Sterner's moving testimonial on the most fateful night of his life, the haunting images will no doubt bear a powerful influence on students in attendance. It's a presentation we at *The Missourian* urge students not to miss.

It's important to emphasize that we at *The Missourian* in no way discourage responsible drinking. (Responsible meaning being of legal age to consume alcoholic beverages, choosing a designated driver and making wise choices when drinking, including the company you keep). However, it's difficult to support in any way merely drinking to get drunk. It's dangerous not only to oneself but also to those around them, be it behind the wheel or otherwise.

Because of this, we commend the efforts made on and off campus to curb what we feel is a very serious problem. To us, a "Culture of Quality" doesn't only exist within comment cards and the promotion of Northwest to potential recruits. It also exists with the safety and well being not only of students, but also for the entire community.



A right to carry is a right to safety

My first understanding of guns came at age 12.

At the time, my dad was working the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. And as a state law-enforcement worker, he was given a state-issued handgun. In twelve years, I never thought to consider why he would ever really need it.

One night, Dad took my mother, sister and me to a rodeo event at the Target center in downtown Minneapolis. Standing next to him at one point, I noticed a strange outline under his sweatshirt. I could make out something of an L-shape against his hip—the same shape I'd seen on his dresser for years. My dad had brought a gun into this arena.

It took a while after that to figure out just why he'd carry a gun with him to a rodeo. Then I started hearing about police officers dying in the line of duty in some of the rougher parts of the Twin Cities. I started to notice a little more just how violent some of these neighborhoods were. Then there was a shooting at the gas station around the corner from my house.

I understood. It wasn't about starting trouble; it was about protecting himself and his family.

I've been all over Kansas City and through portions of St. Louis. I've heard my dad's longtime colleagues, police officers of over 20 years from Independence and Kansas City, talking about the increase of not only crime in general but in violent crime since they joined their respective departments. When I lived in Columbia, I read report after report of murder after murder in the rougher parts of St. Louis.

It's for all of these reasons that I commend the Missouri Legislature for passing the right-to-carry law and why I hope that the appeal that has been made to the Supreme Court falls through.

My View



SEAN COMER
BUZZ REVIEWER

For all of the knee-jerk blame that has been laid upon the gun industry, I see it as a victory to see the Second Amendment upheld and for law-abiding, responsible citizens not to be punished for the acts that despicable criminals commit. I view this law as our lawmakers trusting we, the responsible citizens, to do the right thing.

Such a law is long overdue. The blame for any violent act committed with a firearm belongs squarely in one place: on the head of the person who pulled the trigger. Those who have a desire to keep their families safe from those who would do them harm deserve the right to do so or rather, deserve to not have it infringed upon. Those who would do harm to others using a gun deserve to be locked away and never again allowed to purchase one, should they ever be released.

Put simply, a gun is a machine, just like a car. It will do what the operator makes it do, one way or another. In the history of firearms, there has never once been an instance of a gun loading itself, aiming itself and firing it self. No, each of those actions has been done by the person operating the

machine. And just as a car has the potential to kill accidentally if not operated properly, so has a gun. That is why proper education is a big key to putting a stop to accidental deaths.

All these things considered, the responsibility for preventing gun violence lies with the gun owners and law enforcement officials. I've heard the arguments regarding officer safety being affected by this law, but what people tend to forget is that firearms expertise is something instilled in any officer before he or she is allowed to put on a uniform. The purpose for that? You guessed it: so that they can defend themselves if their lives are put in jeopardy. Those who misuse guns in that or any other fashion deserve the stiffest penalty the law would allow. Personally, I would disagree with any sentence in which someone guilty of trying to shoot another person fatally gets less than a life term. If the victim lives, that just means the other guy missed what he was really aiming for.

As for accidental deaths in homes with handguns, I believe wholeheartedly that most of those could have been prevented had the parents taken more precautions. I myself was raised with numerous guns in our home; however, I was taught how to safely handle them, the guns were never stored loaded, and the ammunition was always stored separately in a locked cabinet. It goes without saying, but I'll say it anyway: guns can be tools used for legal sporting enjoyment, self-defense or even simply as collector's items. However, they're also capable of massive harm. That is where the responsibility lies with the individual holding it.

Coincidentally, that's also squarely where the blame belongs when someone does get hurt.

YOUR VIEW

What are your feelings on the still-growing number of U.S. soldier casualties in Iraq?



"Not that many soldiers have died for it being a war. If we quit before we win, we waste the sacrifices of those soldiers that have already passed."

Becky Troyer
Secretary,
Missouri
Academy



"I really don't think we need to be over there because the more soldiers we send over there, the more that get hurt."

James Willtrout
Maryville
Resident



"I just hate to pick up the paper and read about the casualties. I just wish the war was over, but I am in favor of ridding the world of terrorism."

Janet Moss
Maryville
Resident



"I think the war is unnecessary and that we've had plenty of opportunities in history to take care of this situation. We should make use of our historical mistakes and critique them since we call ourselves the superior nation."

Jessica Hartley
Photojournalism

Northwest administrators deserve recognition, respect and a pat on the back

Warning: This column may come off as a form of brown-nosing for a lead on a story...It's not.

Work sucks. At least that's what it says on the cover of the movie, "Office Space." And for a lot of people in this country, they take that attitude to their place of employment every day.

So, why then do the Northwest administrators come to work from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for one full week or slave away at big issues such as the University of Missouri system merger with positive attitudes?

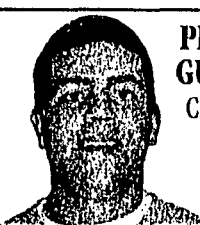
And what about the budget cri-

sis in Missouri? Why do they look at the future of higher education and Northwest with such optimism?

After covering those stories and studying those questions, the answer is clear: They have a genuine passion for education and a deep love for Northwest. Why else would they construct a 50-page Baldrige Award application on top of all the other responsibilities they have?

After spending one month (and more than 100 inches of text) on covering the Missouri budget and examining Northwest's academic

Under the 'Scope



PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

programs, the administration surprised me. Instead of shooing me away like a dog looking for some scraps, they answered my questions

openly and honestly.

And instead of questioning my sources in my story, "Students worry smaller majors may be cut (Oct. 23)," they offered to contact those individuals and answer their questions.

And unlike the "major" universities that require a one-month notice to meet with administrators (and even then it isn't a guarantee), Northwest administrators always find time to address the important questions.

Sure, one could argue that Northwest and UM System administrators did not take into account

all of the long-term changes that would have to be made before a merger is done.

And yes, one could say they shouldn't have broken the news until they dotted the I's and crossed the T's. But, as the old saying goes, hindsight is always 20-20.

The fact of the matter is they wanted to see what you, the students, the faculty, staff and community members felt about the merger. Why else would they have had town hall meetings last spring and early this fall? It was just too bad only 30 students came to the Student Senate-sponsored forum

earlier in the trimester.

Overall, students need to be happy with the school that Northwest is and not picky with the things that it isn't. After all, it doesn't take an hour to get from one end of campus to the other, the biggest class on campus isn't 250 students, and Northwest isn't in as much financial turmoil as other universities across the state. That's a credit, in large part, to the administration.

It's just like what a faculty member once told me: "You are lucky you go to school here."

Now, about that story...

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Years of dedication pay off for professor

By RILEY HUSKEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

On Friday, one Northwest professor will be inducted into the College Media Advisers Hall of Fame.

This prestigious award is only given to pioneers in collegiate journalism education, and Laura Widmer, assistant professor of mass communications, definitely falls into that category.

With 21 years of experience at advising such publications as *The Northwest Missourian*, *Townyearbook* and *Heartland View* online magazine, Widmer is receiving recognition for contributions she's made to journalism education.

"The best thing about my job is by far the students," Widmer said. "Sure, my job is to provide students the tools and resources needed to succeed, but the thrill is to see them come in as freshmen and leave as successful journalists who are happy with their career choice. I can't imagine a better job."

Widmer was nominated for this award by 1997 Hall of Fame inductee from Indiana University David Adams.

"I've known Laura for over two decades now, and I admire her," Adams said. "She could have went to a larger school, but she didn't. You could say Maryville is her 'Oz.' She feels blessed

where she is, and Northwest should be blessed to have her."

The Hall of Fame induction is just one of many awards Widmer has to her credit. She's previously been awarded the National Scholastic Press Association's Pioneer Award, the Governor's Award, and the Distinguished Multimedia and Yearbook Adviser of the Year awards.

"That's what I love about this work," Widmer said. "Close relationships are built and transpired from the hard work used to put out a quality product."

Widmer will host three sessions at the Associated Collegiate Press national convention in Dallas this weekend, aside from her meetings and induction ceremony.

"Laura really is a leader in CMA," Adams said. "Whether it be serving in the Task Force and Advisory Council or as president of the organization, she's always taken an active role."

As CMA president from 1991 to 1993, Widmer played a role in establishing the Hall of Fame, and it was in 1994 that its first nine members were inducted.

"We had to focus on the pioneers, whether retired or not, and recognize the great people who started this organization," Widmer said.

An exciting project set to come out next school year is Widmer's very own CD-ROM textbook on reporting. She



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
Assistant professor Laura Widmer will be inducted into the College Media Hall of Fame Friday in Dallas. She has served as the adviser for three student publications in her 21 years at Northwest.

interviewed nearly 80 editors and reporters, including several from ABC, NBC and CNN. The textbook will be released nationwide and will provide fledgling journalists with hints and tidbits on effective reporting.

"Reporters shouldn't be afraid to write," Widmer said. "Learn from your writing, get involved in student publications as soon as possible, and practice, prac-

tice, practice. It's amazing how, if students are smart about their college experience, many doors will open for them."

Adams had one word to describe Widmer: innovative.

"She consistently gets her students excited to do great work," Adams said. "She has this abiding love and behind-the-scenes attitude. She pulls her journalists together and then lets them go."

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University to begin Safe Ride Home program

Substance Abuse Task Force, comprised of University and community leaders, as part of the harm-reduction component of the ASP.

"I think it will be an important indicator to how serious we take student safety," said Carol Cowles, assistant vice president of Student Affairs. "Unfortunately, it's a response to an area that has been problematic."

Cowles refers to a recent survey conducted by 12 Missouri universities in which 46.2 percent of Northwest students said they had driven under the influence of alcohol or drugs at least once during the past year. Not only is this percentage well above the state mean average of 38 percent, but it leads all other universities in that category.

"I'm real concerned (with the survey results)," Porterfield said. "It does not reflect a healthy trend or people making healthy decisions. We have to try and re-

verse that trend."

Before the four- to five-page plan can be presented to the Cabinet or Northwest President Dean Hubbard, a lot of details must still be ironed out.

"The good news is that this is not a new idea," Porterfield said. "There are some good models out there, and we're excited. I think this will be well received by students."

A problem facing the project is liability and insurance issues. The logistics are still being worked out by University lawyers.

Another hurdle is where the University can allocate vehicles. Project leaders are working with Ray Courter, vice president of Finance, and Environmental Services about acquiring preferably two vans to start. According to Porterfield, there is "one in the (University's) fleet that looks like a candidate."

But perhaps the greatest hurdle for the project is, of course, finances. With the

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Speaker to tell about dangers of drunk driving

about the dangers of drinking and driving. Sterner brings his presentation "DUI: A Powerful Lesson" to Northwest at 8 p.m. tonight in the Student Union Ballroom.

The event is sponsored by the NCAA, Peer Education and Phi Sigma Kappa.

Phi Sigma Kappa president Brent Castillo has seen Sterner's presentation before, and when he found out about its possible return to Northwest, he made sure that his fraternity got involved.

"It really hit home," Castillo said. "He's not somebody up there that hasn't

lost someone. He has, and he knows what it feels like. He's not telling you not to drink; he's just saying be safe."

In April of 1999, Phi Sigma Kappa lost member Kevin Bayer to an accident involving alcohol. When Castillo explained the significance of this presentation to the fraternity's first-year members, they all decided to help.

Carol Cowles, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, was very pleased with the chance to bring Sterner's presentation to the University.

University's budget as tight as it is, the project's leaders are working with Courter, among others, on the feasibility of the Safe Ride Program.

"A few issues have to be resolved, one being the upfront costs given the state of the school's budget," Porterfield said. "I'm optimistic, but cautiously optimistic."

Cowles stressed that the Safe Ride Program is just one part of the University's ASP. "It's not the silver bullet," she said. "It's

just one piece of the puzzle."

And despite all the obstacles the program has yet to overcome, Porterfield said that he and the substance Abuse Task Force are determined to fight drinking and driving by Northwest students.

"I don't relish the idea of contacting a parent after a tragedy related to drinking or consulting a student after a DWI—or worse, an incident relating to a DWI," Porterfield said.

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Tower to receive new look in spring

tentative project where it will be mounted with seals from Northwest's four eras. They include Northwest Missouri Normal School, Northwest Missouri Teacher's College, Northwest Missouri State College and its current title as a state university.

"We have another plan for honoring the seal," he said. "It may not be that specific seal, but we have four different stages of the University as it was named, so each seal will represent a different era."

Courter said the seals would likely be mounted in granite between the belltower and the Bell of '48. The project would be completed prior to next year's centennial.

Also adding to the Bell Tower's modern look, Courter said, will be a new lighting system. Poles will be mounted into the ground and shine up onto the tower while others will shine down from the tower.

"The uplights and downlights will create sort of a beacon effect of the

tower, and it really is quite beautiful," Courter said. "It'll be a nice change for people."

Courter said that, while the structure's new look will reflect the advancements made by Northwest, the history of the structure, built in 1971 under the vision of then-president Robert Foster, will be preserved. Plaques honoring those who donated money for its original construction will be cleaned and replaced, as will those honoring war veterans of the area.

Barnes said that, while the Bell Tower's appearance may change, what it represents certainly hasn't.

"When you fly into Maryville, you see three things," he said. "You see the International Plaza, the courthouse and, of course, the Bell Tower. It's very striking from the air, and it gives central focus to the University. Many groups continue to gather there, and it represents the quality that Northwest is about."

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South Complex residents file parking petition

to get to their hall.

"If the parking lot isn't going to be utilized to its capacity then it's a possibility to make it residential for now and when we lose the Fine Arts lot we can change it back," Green said. "There's several options we can look at and we could possibly make some short-term arrangements. I think the students have some valid concerns and there's definitely room for discussion."

Kent Porterfield, vice president of Student Affairs, said administrators and students will start discussing the petition as

soon as it has circulated through all the departments involved in the decision making channels.

Clifton said that if the inconvenience aspect doesn't get remedied then the residents would like to see improved lighting.

"If it's not convenient then we'd at least like to feel safe, and right now we don't," said Clifton.

Porterfield said he applauds the students' efforts in taking a proactive step in voicing their concerns about the inconvenience and safety of the matter.

Nodaway County has low unemployment mark

"It's at an advantage because it has a nice service area along with the University that helps with the stability of the employment base," Grebling said.

According to the Department of Economic Development, Missouri has a 5.3 percent unemployment rate that is higher than Nebraska, Iowa, and Kansas's rate, but lower than the U.S. national rate of 6.1 percent.

Grebling said although the U.S. economy is in a recession, Missouri con-

tinues to see a record number of new businesses, which creates opportunities for people to be employed.

In September, payroll employment in Missouri increased by 18,300 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis. The current employment in Missouri is 2,661,800.

"Missouri's low unemployment rate shows that we do have a good business climate despite the national recession," Grebling said.

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The Fight with Food

By Betsy Lee
FEATURES EDITOR

To others, she is alarmingly thin, her skin stretched so taut over her ribs that every bone is noticeable. But to her, there is always one more pound to lose, one more inch to shed.

To a person with an eating disorder, their body is never what it should be. They strive, in a variety of ways, to achieve the perfection that they perceive around them. But, as the condition progresses, that perfection seems to get further and further away.

Liz Wood, director of the Northwest Counseling Center, said, as eating disorders progress, individuals lose sight of what they actually look like. One in four college women suffer from an eating disorder.

"I had someone in my office who was 90 pounds, and she was terribly afraid that she was going to break the chair she was sitting in," Wood said. "Anorexics see fat; they feel fat."

TYPES OF DISORDERS AND PHYSICAL IMPLICATIONS

There are two main types of eating disorders, anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa. Anorexics restrain themselves from eating and retaining calories; they can do this by eating very small meals and overexercising. Bulimia nervosa is a condition in which individuals binge on food and then purge the nourishment. Bulimics can purge by vomiting or using laxatives.

According to Virginia Murr, assistant director of the Health Center, the physical consequences of an eating disorder can be devastating.

"Anorexia is a starving mechanism. You are denying the body tissues what they need the most," Murr said.

At first, an anorexic will experience gradual weight loss. Other physical changes may include growth of body hair, dry skin, weak nails, sensitivity to cold, fatigue and stomach shrinkage.

"Even a teaspoon of food can be more than an anorexic can handle," Murr said. "Their stomachs become so small that they can barely eat."

More severe complications include organ failure and, in 15 percent of untreated cases, death.

Bulimia has a different set of physical results. Because of the purging, excessive stomach acid can cause loss of teeth and damage to the esophagus and respiratory tract.

REASONS FOR THE CONDITIONS

Though food is the focus of the disorders, the psychological causes are usually unrelated to a preoccupation with food.

Anorexics are typically perfectionists or individuals who experience pressure

to succeed from their families.

According to Wood, individuals with eating disorders tend to have a fragile sense of self and a preoccupation with weight. Bulimia and anorexia can result from a desire for control.

"If a person feels very out of control on a very basic level, food becomes something that they can control," Wood said.

Though the disorder probably originated long before, the stress of college life can be an instigator because of an inherent lack of structure.

"New students have to deal with the stress of being away and a change in their support system," Wood said. "There is also a high level of emphasis on physical appearance."

The American focus on looks is also a cause for the rise in eating disorders. Wood said society is full of things that contribute to eating disorders.

"Anyone who looks at TV or movies can see where the messages come from," Wood said.

Betsy Burgess, a peer educator who represents the student-run organization Acceptance, said eating disorders can stem from the images in American culture.

"People think the average size of women in our age group is a size 4; it's more like a 14," Burgess said.

Through her work with Acceptance, a group that focuses on healthy eating, self-esteem and body image awareness, Burgess has talked to children of various ages. She said she is shocked at how aware they are of the culture.

"They know all about those fad diets," Burgess said. "I've had kindergarteners come up and say they need to go to Weight Watchers."

Burgess has run into children as young as six who are severely restricting their diets and children as young as fourth grade who purge their food.

HOW INDIVIDUALS HIDE CONDITIONS

Individuals who have an eating disorder become experts hiding it from others. "This is a secret disease," Wood said. "People will do anything to hide it."

Burgess said, in one severe case, a bulimic individual on campus was hiding jars of vomit under her bed to keep from being discovered.

"People with eating disorders go to great lengths to hide it and they have information at their fingertips to tell them how to do it," Burgess said, referring to pro-anorexia Web sites.

Pro-eating disorder Web sites praise the conditions and give tips on how to



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Anorexic and bulimic individuals struggle every day with the simple act of eating. More than 10 percent of college students have an eating disorder according to www.anred.com, an eating disorder awareness Web site.

hide them. One Web site, entitled AnaHouse, offers ways to avoid arousing the suspicion of family and friends. The site recommends that anorexics try the "opaque cup trick."

"If forced to eat under supervision," it states. "Put the food in your mouth and chew it up, look like you are enjoying it but don't swallow. Instead, pretend to take a sip from a non see-through cup but really spit the food into it."

The site also recommends purging but suggests brushing teeth before purging to avoid tooth decay due to stomach acid. Tooth paste acts as a base that will protect the teeth from the bile of the stomach.

"These Web sites glorify the actions," Burgess said. "It's horrifying. It kind of shows how we are as a society."

COMBATING THE CONDITIONS

Northwest recently created a team approach to combat the rise in collegiate eating disorders. The Health Center, the Counseling Center and Campus Dietician Molly Driftmier are working together to identify eating disorders and assist students struggling with them. Wood said getting help is an essential step in the recovery process.

"A therapist can help get a person motivated for behavior change," she said. "It's very hard to give up."

Friends and family cannot assume the individual will get better on their own, according to Wood. If an eating disorder is suspected, Wood recommends approaching the individual with empathy and concern.

"Focus on the behaviors and remain non-judgmental," Wood said. "Tell the person you will go with them to get help."

For questions regarding eating disorders or how to help someone who might be struggling with a disorder, contact the Counseling Center at 562-1220 or Acceptance at 562-1114.

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Time is right for 'Hounds district title

And it comes down to this. It's the biggest game of the season. If the 'Hounds win, one would tend to think the sectional game against Platte County would be even bigger, but this is a huge stepping stone game for the 'Hounds.

Chillicothe has always been a road block for Maryville the past several years. However, 23 seniors, an offense that can execute as well as any and a defense with a lot of speed may be the extra step toward next Wednesday night.

Head coach John Pelzer said the Spoofhounds need their 'A' game come Friday night and everyone should expect nothing less. Pelzer and the coaching staff have prepared these guys for every game this season. Not once, in any of the team's eight wins, have the 'Hounds played to the level of their competition. In their loss at Platte County, the 'Hounds showed they could play with the conference's top dog, coming up 30 seconds short of getting a win down there.

So we should expect nothing less than a team coming out playing hard for another shot at the Pirates.

And now is a good time. Five experienced seniors are on the offensive line and a backfield trio as good as any makes the team all the better. Senior quarterback Erick Auxier has really shown this season that he can lead a team. As the season has progressed, he has made very few mistakes, and it does not hurt to have a 1,000-yard rusher and another potential 1,000-yard rusher behind him.

Wide out Sydney Brisbane and tight end Ben McKim have only added more fuel this season to an impressive offense.

A defense with a lot of aggression and speed gives the 'Hounds all the tools to make a run for a state title. Yeah, it may be a little too early to say that. After all, the 'Hounds have yet to get past the team that has ended their hopes in the past.

Chillicothe has once again produced a solid football team and has what it takes to end another hope for a shot in sectionals and another step closer to a state title.

Come Friday night, Maryville may be driving back to Maryville, but they could very well be doing so knowing they get four days to prepare for the Pirates.



Maryville senior running back Bryce Buholt eludes a Savannah defender in the 'Hounds' 40-0 shutout win over the Savages Friday night. Buholt caught a 55-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Erick Auxier right before halftime to give Maryville an 11-0 lead. A win Friday night in Chillicothe will send the 'Hounds to Platte City for sectionals against the Platte County Pirates.

NOW OR NEVER

The Spoofhounds look to make an extra step towards a state title

By CLARK GRELL
DESIGN EDITOR

Tuesday's practice was just as normal as any practice this season for the 'Hounds. The only difference was the lights on the practice field were on because of an overcast sky.

The 'Hounds hope the lights don't go out on their season Friday when they travel to

Game 10



Maryville Spoofhounds (8-1)
at
Chillicothe Hornets (8-1)

Where: Chillicothe
Kickoff: 7 p.m.

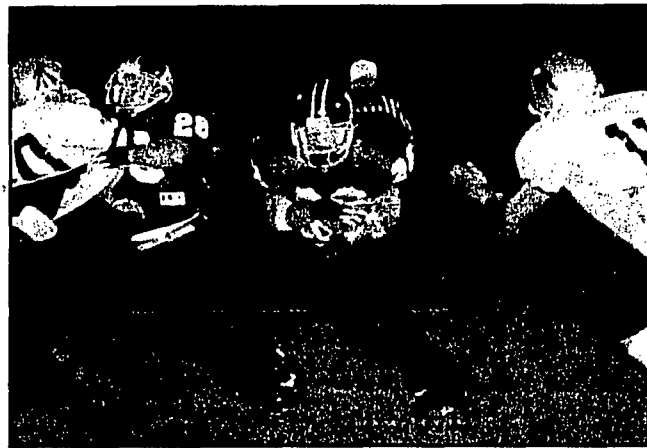
Bottom line: The game features some of conference's best backs in Maryville's Brant Gregg and Bryce Buholt and Chillicothe's Brent Christopher

Chillicothe to battle the Hornets for the District 15 championship. The winner plays Platte

County, who has mathematically won their district, and who will have sole possession of second place in the Midland Empire Conference. The loser is done.

Maryville is coming off four straight shutout wins, but head coach John Pelzer is hoping his team has yet to play its best football of the season.

"I hope the team is not done playing after Friday," he said. "I think the team has done what we wanted it to do as far as getting better every week. Last week, we had a slow first half, but I think part of that was due to Savannah coming in with a nice (Please see 'Title' page 2B)



Senior running back Brant Gregg finds the gap in the 'Hounds' 40-0 win over Savannah. Gregg finished the game with 124 yards rushing on 15 carries.

Break it down: 'Hounds vs. Hornets

OFFENSE: RUSHING FORCES COLLIDE

Chillicothe likes to run the ball, and so do the 'Hounds. The Hornets lead the Midland Empire Conference in rushing yards and are led by running back Brent Christopher who averages nearly 10 yards a carry.

"Chillicothe is what Chillicothe has been for a long time, which is a run-oriented team," head coach John Pelzer said. "They're very good at what they do. They're going to try to establish the power running game, and then they have some capable play-action passes." Maryville may have the deepest running core in the MEC. Seniors Bryce Buholt and Brant Gregg have carried most of the load this season. Gregg is with 100 hundred yards for 1,000 on the season.

KEY FACTOR OF THE GAME: The play-action pass. Both teams run the play very well. Maryville's Erick Auxier will look for wide-out Sydney Brisbane and tight end Ben McKim where the Hornets rely on John Gannan, who averages nearly 17 yards a catch.

DEFENSE: 'D' AT ITS BEST

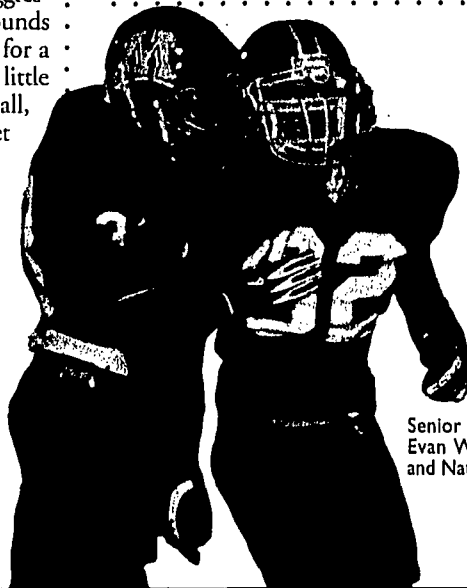
It could very well be a defensive battle come Friday night with every turnover and every three-and-out counting. No one has given up fewer points than Maryville. The 'Hounds have given up only 40 points this season, and Chillicothe has given up 78. Chillicothe has the conference's sack leader in Nathan Yardley, who went into the Cameron game with 7.5 sacks on the season.

KEY FACTOR OF THE GAME: Field position. With as good as the two defenses are, it will be difficult to go the length of the field for a score.

SPECIAL TEAMS: A BATTLE OF KICKERS?

Chillicothe's Jeff Eller has hit two field goals this season and is 30 for 34 on PATs. Drew Demott has hit one field goal this season.

KEY FACTOR OF THE GAME: It comes down to extra points, especially if there are not a lot of points scored.



Senior linebackers
Evan Wilmes (32)
and Nate Cracraft

Scrappy Baptist team looks for upset

Seniors want to make best of final home game

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

When the Northwest football team takes the field on Saturday, 17 seniors will likely be playing in their last game ever in Rickenbrode Stadium.

As they face off against the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats, those 17 seniors will

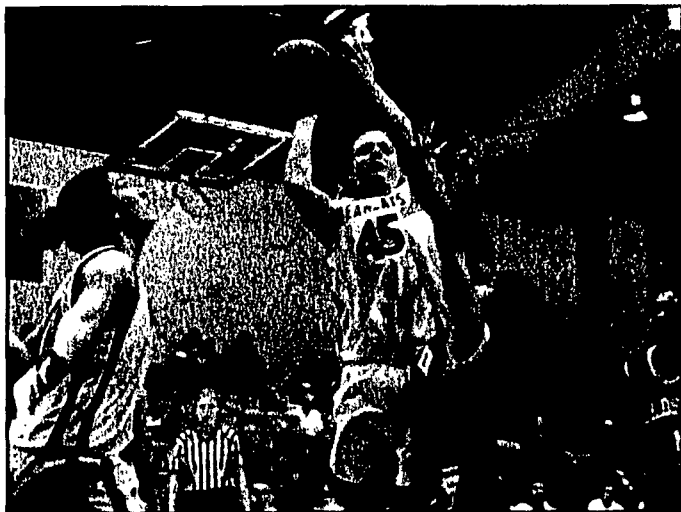
not know the feeling of losing to Baptist.

Out of the previous 15 meetings between the two teams, Southwest Baptist has won only three times, the last coming in the Northwest's 1994 winless season.

This season, however, Baptist is a team that Northwest head coach Mel Tjeerdma believes (Please see 'Scrappy' page 2B)



LOOK INSIDE
for more on this weekend's game.



Junior forward Ashely Poptanczy scores two points over a St. Louis Goldstar defender. Poptanczy finished with 12 points and seven rebounds in the game.

Steinmeyer wants more defense

Bearcats start season with exhibition victory

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

If you were to talk to Northwest basketball head coach Gene Steinmeyer last season after his team scored 87 points in one game, he likely would have been too busy dancing in the streets to answer questions.

This season, Steinmeyer is not

nearly as pleased with his team's 87-72 victory over St. Louis Goldstar.

"We scored 87 points, and we are patting ourselves on the back," Steinmeyer said. "We shot 39 percent; our goal is 45 percent. We have to get out of 30s. We're not always going to get 70 or 80 shots."

Included in the high number of shots for the Bearcats were 23 three-point attempts, which does not please Steinmeyer.

The head coach also had some problems with the team's defense. "I was disappointed with how we played our half-court defense,"

Steinmeyer said. "We feel like we failed with our zone defense."

On the opposite side of the spectrum, though, the inside play of senior Sarah Vollertsen was one of several bright spots for Northwest.

Vollertsen finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Aside from Vollertsen, Steinmeyer commended two others.

"I thought two players that came in and played well were Ashely Poptanczy and Meghan Blay," Steinmeyer said. "They had really good games and thrust themselves into good positions for playing time."

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Maryville soccer

A late season run by the 'Hounds came to an end when they lost to Smithville in district action. Turn to page 3B for head coach Stuart Collin's comments on the game and his final thoughts on the season.














Northwest football

One final home game remains for the Bearcats. Turn to page 2B for the Tale of the Tape against Southwest Baptist, conference standings and regional rankings.



Northwest soccer

They struggled almost all season, but the 'Cats learned a lot under first year head coach Tracy Cross. To see how the team did in their final two games of the season, turn to page 3B.

										
L 0-20	W 23-16	L 24-52	W 60-22	W 45-14	W 16-13	W 47-14	L 30-27	W 37-0	Nov. 8	Nov. 15
At South Dakota State Alumni Stadium, 7 p.m.	Minn.-St. Mankato Rickenbrode Stadium, 1 p.m.	Central Mo. State Rickenbrode Stadium, 1 p.m.	At Missouri-Rolla Allgood-Bailey Stadium, 6:30 p.m.	Washburn Rickenbrode Stadium, 1 p.m.	At Emporia State Welch Stadium, 2 p.m.	Missouri Southern Rickenbrode Stadium, 1 p.m.	At Missouri Western Spratt Stadium, 1 p.m.	Truman State Rickenbrode Stadium, 1 p.m.	Southwest Baptist Rickenbrode Stadium, 1 p.m.	vs. Pittsburg State Fall Classic at Arrowhead, 2 p.m.

TALE OF THE TAPE



31.0	Scoring Offense	25.6
20.1	Scoring Defense	28.4
364.7	Total Offense	356.6
303.3	Total Defense	366.4
140.2	Rushing Offense	188.4
110.2	Rushing Defense	182.1
224.4	Passing Offense	168.1
193.1	Passing Defense	184.3
29:26	Time of Possession	32:25
13/18	Field Goals	12/16
23.2	Kick Return Avg.	16.3
10.2	Punt Return Avg.	5.9

TOP 25

Division II Top 25

1. Saginaw Valley State (17).....	9-0
2. North Alabama (9).....	9-0
3. Texas A&M Kingsville.....	7-1
4. Grand Valley State.....	8-1
5. Valdosta State.....	8-1
6. Carabba.....	8-1
7. Indiana Pa.....	8-1
8. North Dakota.....	8-1
9. Pittsburg State.....	8-1
10. Carson-Newman.....	8-1
11. Emporia State.....	8-1
12. Central Missouri State.....	8-1
13. Winona State.....	8-1
14. Central Oklahoma.....	7-1
15. Mesa State.....	8-1
16. North Dakota State.....	7-2
17. Southern Arkansas.....	7-2
18. Tarleton State.....	7-2
19. Bentley.....	9-0
20. Delta State.....	7-2
21. Tusculum.....	7-2
22. Edinboro.....	7-2
23. Chadron State.....	7-2
24. Southeastern Oklahoma.....	7-2
25. Nebraska-Omaha.....	7-3



Head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma addresses the Bearcats after winning the Hickory Stick on Saturday against Truman State. The Bearcats recorded their first shutout of the year.

CONTINUED from B1

Bearcats hope to avoid Baptist letdown

cannot be overlooked.

"This a team who lost to Central Missouri State by only a touchdown and took Emporia State to the fourth quarter," he said.

Southwest brings an offense to the table that is dangerous both through the air and on the ground.

In the air attack, Marc Green leads the way with 51 receptions and 534 yards.

On the ground, Marco Kirven is the man to stop. Kirven is averaging 6.1 yards per carry and currently has 1,104 yards on 180 carries.

"The biggest difference about this team from the last two years is they believe they can succeed," Tjeerdsma said. "They have really improved themselves up front."

With essentially nothing to play for, Tjeerdsma realizes a win this weekend would be huge for Baptist.

"They are a dangerous team right now," Tjeerdsma said. "If they could knock one of the top five off, it would make their season."

The top five Tjeerdsma mentioned are the five schools still currently battling

for the MIAA title. Pittsburg State University, Central Missouri State University, Emporia State University, Missouri Western State College and Northwest all have a shot to claim the title if things go the right way for any of the teams.

After Northwest's 37-0 victory over Truman State, the Bearcats seem to have their offense back in order.

"I just think we're improving week by week," senior wide receiver Nick Glassnapp said. "It helps when you have good practices because the offense is more X's and O's and you get a chance to perfect the plays."

It appears as though the offense will have junior T.J. Mandl at quarterback again this week. Even if sophomore Josh Lamberson is healthy after suffering a knee injury against Missouri Western, he likely will not start.

Mandl completed 14 of 24 passes for 237 yards with a touchdown.

"There is a lot of speculation (as to whether Lamberson will start or not)," Tjeerdsma said. "It depends on how ready he is."

AROUND THE MIAA

Last Week:
NWMSU 37 TSU 0;
PSU 27 MWSC 7;
ESU 44 UMR 27;
CMSU 49 WU 28;
SBU 28 MSSU 6

This Week
SBU @ NWMSU 1 p.m.
UMR @ TSU 1 p.m.
WU @ MWSC 1 p.m.
PSU @ CMSU 2 p.m.
ESU @ MSSC 2 p.m.

Team	MIAA	Overall
Pittsburg State	6-1	8-1
Central Mo. State	6-1	8-1
Emporia State	6-1	8-1
Mo. Western	5-2	6-3
Northwest	5-2	6-3
Southwest Bapt.	2-5	3-6
Truman State	2-5	2-7
Mo. Southern	1-6	1-8
Washburn	1-6	3-6
Mo.-Rolla	0-7	0-9

REGIONAL RANKINGS

1. North Dakota.....	8-1	6. Central Missouri State.....	8-1
2. Emporia State.....	8-1	7. Winona State.....	8-1
3. Winona State.....	8-1	8. Minnesota-Duluth.....	7-2
4. Pittsburg State.....	8-1	9. Concordia St. Paul.....	7-2
5. North Dakota State.....	7-2	10. Missouri Western.....	6-3

INJURY REPORT

Josh Lamberson (QB): Questionable for this week's game after suffering a knee injury against Missouri Western

after missing Truman game with shoulder injury.

Steve Morrison (S): Out for the season with knee injury.

Adam Otte (WR): Probable after missing Truman game with a minor concussion.

Ryan Waters (DE): Probable this week

Mike Tiehen (DE): Questionable this week with back injury

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Questions before last week's kickoff

played well despite having the mobile Lamberson at quarterback.

1 How will Northwest rebound from their loss to MoWest? Very well. Northwest played what coach Tjeerdsma called the team's most complete game of the season.

2 Will the injury to Lamberson affect the Northwest offense? No, the offense as a whole

3 Will the Hickory Stick remain in the 'Ville another year? Yes. After shutting down Truman's offense, the stick went safely back to its home in the trophy case.

4 How will the defense respond to Truman's running game? As well as they have all year, holding Truman 56 yards on the ground.

5 Who will start as the "A-back" in Northwest's backfield? Shon Well had the honors of being starting running back this week, though Morris White was the leading rusher with his one carry.

Five for next week:

1. What senior will play the best on Senior Day
2. Will Baptist be able to contain Northwest to under 45 points?

3. How many different ways can the 'Cats score?
4. Will more than 3000 fans show up?
5. Will Joel Mathews punt the ball more than once this week?

CONTINUED from B1

'Hounds look to take step towards title

game plan

Exclude the Platte County game for both Maryville and Chillicothe, which both teams lost in Platte City, and Friday's game will feature two teams that have yet to be tested in any of their other eight games.

That is especially true in district play, where the 'Hounds hold a pair of 40-0 wins over Cameron and rival Savannah. Chillicothe defeated Savannah (51-6) and Cameron (60-13) last week.

That has led to game 10 being the most important game of the season.

"I've been pleased with the progress we've made," Pelzer said. "We've directed our whole season towards this game, so I'd have to think the guys will be ready on Friday."

This week's matchup is a mirror reflection of last season. Last year, the Hornets and 'Hounds clashed in game 10 with identical records and an opportunity to play Platte County in sectionals. Chillicothe won with a strong defensive performance, preventing the 'Hounds from successfully moving the ball down the field.

The only difference from last season is that, this year, Maryville will be in full force at 7 p.m. Friday.

Last season, Maryville was without their leading tackler Greg Barmann, who was suspended for a game after being ejected one game earlier. They were also without then-starting quarterback Ryan Holman, who was a big reason why Maryville was playing for a district championship 10 games into the season. Senior running back Bryce Buholt played in that game, but it was the first time he saw action in five games having suffered a foot injury against Platte County.

"This year, we are going in with 61 guys ready to play, and I feel pretty good about that," Pelzer said.

Even though the 'Hounds go into the game healthy, they are still going to have to play one of their best games of the season, Pelzer said.

The winner plays at Platte County Wednesday in sectionals.

"We're ready for (Chillicothe), and they're ready for us," senior Vince Wiederholt said. "It's going to be a good game, hard-nose football as always."

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'Hounds' season ends at the hands of Smithville

By DAN ZECH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After a 5-10 regular season, the Maryville Spoofhound soccer team came on late entering districts Saturday. They continued to perform well throughout district play, finishing 6-11.

The 'Hounds were able to take care of Cameron 6-2 in the first game. Head coach Stuart Collins, said the 'Hounds were well prepared.

"They made the right passes, touch passes we needed to make," Collins said. "We've needed to finish our games this season, and we did that."

The 'Hounds victory came despite a 15-minute blitz from Cameron at the start of the second half. Cameron scored only one goal during that time.

"Everybody did their job and

did it well," Collins said.

The 'Hounds scored six goals with four different players. Wes Wooten and Dylan Cloepfil scored two goals each, and Galen Gibson-Cornell and Nic Zweifel scored a goal a piece. Collins attributed the domination to how mentally prepared the 'Hounds were for this game.

After defeating Cameron, the 'Hounds advanced to the next round Monday against Smithville. The 'Hounds had struggled against Smithville this season, losing two matches 5-0 and 6-0.

Collins said Smithville was a very good defensive team with strength on the defensive line and in the midfield. However, the game would prove to be much closer.

"Our guys were hungry, they got their focus late in the season, and they played well as a unit,

passed well and never gave up," Collins said.

Smithville was able to score within the first four minutes of the game, which allowed them to be more defensive throughout the game. Collins said the game may have been different had they not scored early on.

The 'Hounds were able to score two goals against Smithville's stingy defense. Clay Ferguson and Wes Wooten each scored a goal. The 'Hounds season ended against Smithville 3-2.

Collins said his senior players, Keaton Guess, Travis Smith and Wooten, were the leaders in the 'Hounds late charge this season.

"It's a shame we weren't able to maximize our potential until late in the season," Collins said. "The team was searching for an identity throughout, and we found it toward the end."



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Sarah Wallace takes the ball past a Truman State defender on Sunday. The Bearcats fell to the nationally ranked Bulldogs 5-1 in their last home game of the season. The Bearcats wrapped up the season yesterday on the road against Missouri Southern.

Bearcat's losing streak continues, drop two at Bearcat Pitch in home finale

By JEROME BOETTCHER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest soccer team continued to struggle last weekend against Southwest Baptist University and Truman State University at home.

On Saturday, the girls lost another overtime match. It was the seventh time this season that the girls had gone to overtime. They battled back against Southwest Baptist after trailing 1-0 at halftime. Freshman Beth Gutschenritter passed the ball to junior Kristi Potee who scored to tie it up at one apiece. The goal was Potee's first career goal at Northwest.

However, the 'Cats could not capitalize on scoring opportunities, and the game went to overtime. For the third time this year, the 'Cats lost in overtime. The goal bounced off the post and rolled into the goal on a kick by Pip Meo of Southwest in the 97th minute.

"For the players to have seven games go in to overtime, at the end of the day, you want to see them get a reward," Northwest head coach

Tracey Cross said. "That was the toughest part to see the players not get a reward for that. They showed a lot of character."

Cross said she was pleased with the number of shots they had against Southwest. The first time the 'Cats played them, Southwest outshot them 20-0. This time they only outshot the 'Cats 18-15.

On Sunday, the Bearcats played their last home game of the season against Truman State. Truman scored less than two minutes into the game on a shot by sophomore Lauren Cepicky.

The 'Cats responded 10 minutes later when freshman Tiffany Robertson crossed the ball to sophomore Becky Marston who headed it in for a goal. However, the team surrendered a goal two minutes later when Truman's Robyn Mortenson scored on a kick 20 yards away from the goal.

The 'Cats gave up three quick goals in a seven-minute span to Truman in the second half. The first goal of the half was kicked at Northwest goalkeeper junior Danielle Law-

less, but it bounced off of her and went into the goal. Mortenson added another one 29 seconds later after Lawless came too far out and couldn't get back in time. The ball was kicked over her and several Northwest defenders' heads. Another one was added three minutes later to give Truman a 5-1 lead. The team was outshot 22-11. Truman won the game 5-1.

"It happened all quickly, and (Truman) came out a little bit more on top in the first 10 minutes of the second half," Cross said. "We normally do, but today we didn't. It's just unfortunate."

However, she was pleased with the team's performance in the first half against Truman State.

"They pretty much stayed composed in the first half and stuck with their players," Cross said. "Not much you can do when three goals go in. A game is altered pretty much when three goals go in quickly. It changed your motivation and energy level."

The team's record falls to 2-13-4 overall and 1-8-4 in the MIAA. Their record at home was 1-7-3.

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NW 35-14

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MHS 20-14

MU 48-24

KU 34-17

OSU 18-16

Iowa 31-21

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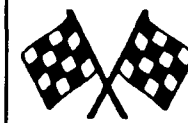
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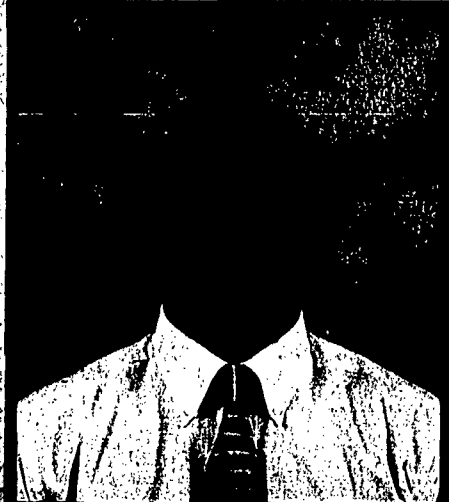
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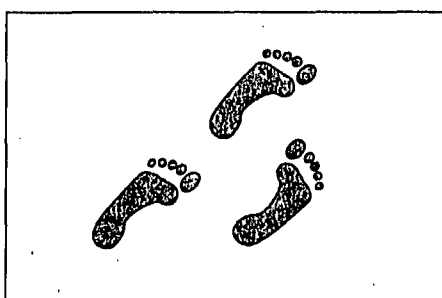
Stroller's tips for a ticket-free weekend

Well folks, the trimester seems to be flying by. At least it does for Your Man. Homecoming is over, Thanksgiving is coming up, and graduation lurks just around the corner. Sometimes I sit back and think about where the time has gone...then I realize that I can't remember. That's right, I can't remember most of this semester thanks to my favorite three-letter establishment up on Main Street.

Well, that's what quite a few people would say if asked how their semesters have gone. It seems that drinking is a more prominent habit here this year. Have any of you checked out the section in the local papers where all the MIPs and DUIs are listed? Let me tell ya, the Missouri Government is making a hefty sum of money off of most of you this year. Most people I've talked to think that this problem would be solved by simply lowering the drinking age to 18 in Missouri. That would be stupid. And I'm going to tell you why. (Gee, bet you didn't see that one coming.)

Okay, so some people think that if you only have to be 18 to vote, then you should be able to drink. Do you need to have a beer to choose the new president? In Missouri, the driving regulations have changed to where you have to be 18 to get your full driver's license. So, you want to get your license and then drive on up to the bar to celebrate? I don't think so.

Yes, the legal age is 21 whether you agree or not. It makes my life easier—I don't have to put up with you when I go to my favorite place that rhymes with tub. But this year it seems that most people don't care about rules; they were made to be broken,



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right? Sure, if Mommy and Daddy don't mind driving up to the 'Ville to bail you out and drop you back off at your residence hall. But if you're going to do it, at least be smart about it. Quit harassing us legalites at the bars; more often than not, we'll just take your money and leave. Or we'll buy a round for our friends, courtesy of you. (To the little redheaded girl at Lucky's this weekend...thanks!) And don't walk around on the streets holding your beer cans. If you do and you see a cop, don't try to hide them. This screams out, "Hey, come arrest me!"

If you are at a house party and it is invaded by guys in blue uniforms with blinky lights, don't look at them and say "Who ordered the strippers?" They will not find this funny. They will actually not like this at all. And they don't want a drink of your beer. Trust me.

Yeah, I know that here in the 'Ville it isn't really that hard to get alcohol if you're underage. You can walk up to the bartender in most bars and flirt a little to get a drink. There are a few convenience stores

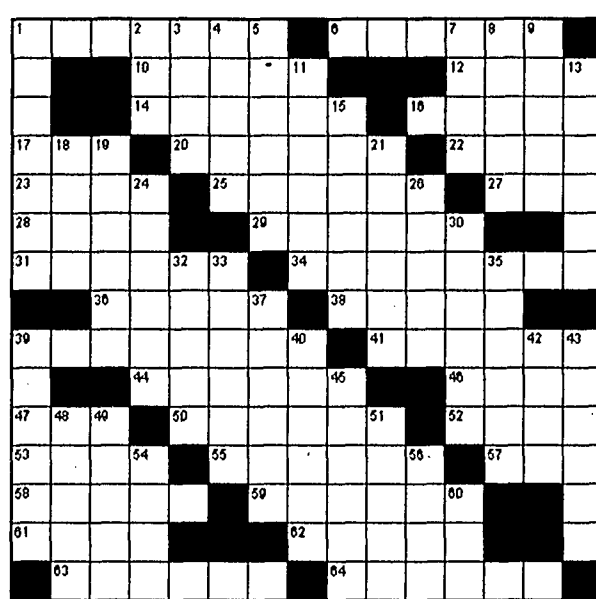
around that never card anyone as long as you don't look like you're 12. But just because you can doesn't mean you should.

You know, you younguns can actually get into a lot of trouble if you're caught drinking. You could get MIPs, fines or a slap on the wrist. Some of you could also lose your certification, depending on what your major is. Why take the risk? Why not just wait a couple of years and then not have to worry about it? I'm sure you can find other things to do. I mean, it's Maryville! There are a million and one things to do here, like going to a movie. Or running around Wal-Mart. Or going to a movie. You could play in one of the many parks we have here. You could also check out a flick at the Hangar, eat at the Hangar or play pool at the Hangar. Okay, so basically you can go to the Hangar or run around Wal-Mart. At least it's legal, and you're not getting in my way and ruining my night.

So basically, what I'm trying to tell you is to cut back a little because I'm tired of dealing with you. So is the rest of the over-21 community. If you can't handle the fact that you're not allowed to drink for a couple of years, deal with it. I don't care how you feel about it. I don't want to hear your reasons for why you should be able to do it. I don't want you bugging me to help you. And if you can't deal with it, I have one thing to say to you: Bitter, party of one, your table is ready.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Wisconsin city
6. A Slavonic people
10. External
12. Jumps on one leg
14. One who gazes
16. Affected by mania
17. American Medical Association
20. Hood-winked
22. Territory
23. Person in authority

DOWN

25. Baby's napkin
27. Pronoun
28. Republic in SW Asia
29. Boxes
31. Offhand
34. Material used as a dye
36. Duck with soft down
38. Escarpment
39. Indian meal
41. Spins
44. Plaid
46. Loop
47. Covering for the head
50. Caught
52. Domesticated

DOWN

53. Shield
55. Particular
57. Slender bar
58. Relative by marriage
59. Provide with new equipment
61. Retired
62. Dry again
63. Monetary unit of Israel
64. M a k e amendments

4. Rise to one's feet
5. Noble
7. Converse
8. Nectar
9. Ex-VP's first name
11. Re-compense for hardship
13. Back of the neck
15. Refunds
18. Red giant
19. One who lowers
21. Discover
24. Look askance
26. Cut again
30. Stringent
32. Advertising executive
33. Looked maliciously
35. Turmoil
37. Rat-catching animal
39. Joint heir
40. Second of two
42. Limousine
43. Sled
45. Trimmer
48. Child martyr
49. Cultivated land
51. Semiconductor
54. French novelist
56. Nobleman
60. Alkali

See answers below

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Drunk driving facts:

■ About 66 percent of all traffic deaths occur at night. It is believed that more fatalities occur at night because of more people driving under the influence, even though there are fewer cars on the road than during the day.

■ The average court fine for drunk driving in Denmark in 1996 reportedly was one month's salary of the convicted.

■ In San Salvador, drunk drivers can be punished by death before a firing squad.

■ The first traffic ticket given to a driver on the Pennsylvania Turnpike occurred on October 5, 1940, the Saturday before the road was formally opened. The anonymous driver snuck onto the road and was arrested at the east end of the Tuscarora tunnel by Private Henry Lewczyk. The driver was cited for "tipsy driving."

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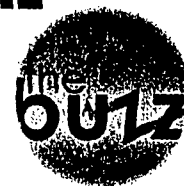
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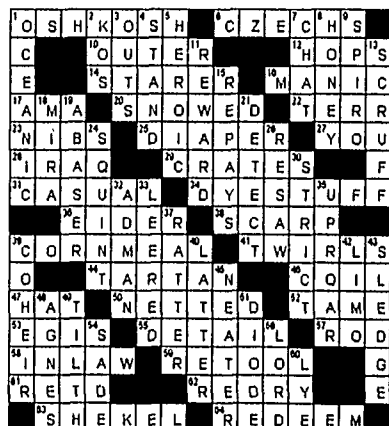
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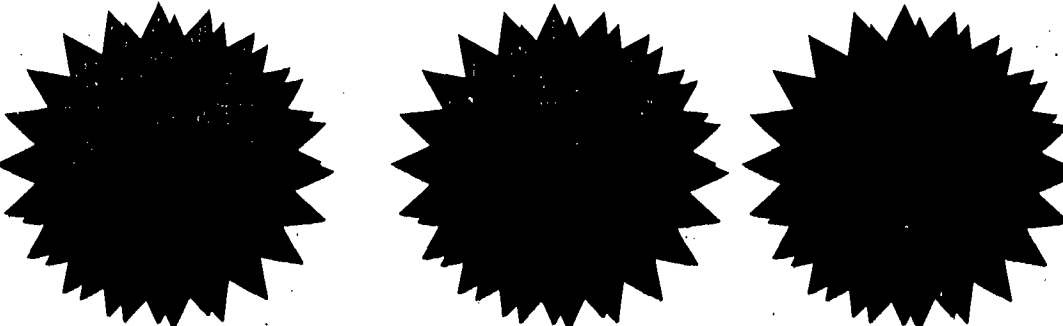
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Sept. 13	Minnesota State - Mankato	1 pm
Sept. 20	Central Missouri State	1 pm
Sept. 27	at Missouri - Rolla	6:30 pm
Oct. 4	Washburn	1 pm
Oct. 11	at Emporia State	2 pm
Oct. 18	Missouri Southern Homecoming	1 pm
Oct. 25	at Missouri Western	1 pm
Nov. 1	Truman State	1 pm
Nov. 8	Southwest Baptist	1 pm
Nov. 15	Pittsburg State Fall Classic at Arrowhead, K.C.	2 pm